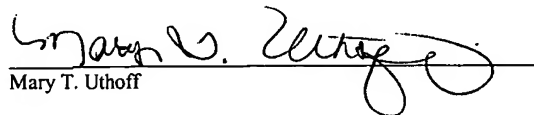




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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:	)	
Torres	)	Examiner: Le, Huyen D.
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Serial No.: 10/707,876	)	Art Unit: 3751
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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING  
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated July 21, 2006, Applicant submits the following remarks and amendments. A Request for Continued Examination is being filed along with this Response.

It is believed that no fees in addition to those associated with the above mentioned petition and request are associated with the filing and consideration of this response, however, **should the Commissioner decide that any fee or fee deficiency is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any and all fees incurred as a result of entering this amendment and response to deposit account number 03-0172.**

Please amend the above-referenced application as follows